

## Cotton Market Is Lowest at Close; Trading Is Quiet

**Early Steadiness Followed by Declines; General List Off 2 to 29 Points; Small Orders Change Prices**

Early steadiness was followed by declines in the cotton market yesterday owing to increased offerings and scattering liquidation. January contracts broke from 18.80 to 15.43c, and closed at that level, with the general market closing easy at a net decline of 5 to 29 points.

Trading was so quiet during the greater part of the day that small orders caused fluctuations. The opening was 1 to 10 points lower in response to lower cables, but prices rallied right after the call on renewed covering by January shorts and some scattered buying, probably promoted by overnight reports of an improved spot demand in the South and the reports of progress in forming banking corporations to finance exports under the Edge law. Active mérinos sold about 4 to 10 points higher, but demand failed to broaden and the spot market of few Southern selling orders were started increased local selling in the late trading. Last prices were at practically the low point of the day.

Southern spot markets as officially reported were unchanged to 25 points lower, with middling quotations ranging from 13.85c to 15.75c. The local market for spot cotton was quiet and unchanged at 16c. No sales were reported.

The range of prices follows:

Open High Low Close  
Dec. 15.35 15.50 15.35 15.49  
Jan. 15.82 15.80 15.42 15.45  
Feb. 15.82 15.80 15.42 15.45  
March 15.62 15.65 15.82 15.75  
April 15.54 15.70 15.49 15.55  
May 15.74 15.70 15.70 15.44  
June 15.74 15.70 15.70 15.64  
July 15.63 15.73 15.42 15.45  
Aug. 15.74 15.70 15.47 15.64  
Sept. 15.74 15.70 15.47 15.64  
Oct. 15.74 15.70 15.47 15.64  
Nov. 15.74 15.70 15.47 15.64  
Dec. 15.74 15.70 15.47 15.64

Depositors Bonds belonging to Depositors are being received for safe keeping without charge.

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### New York

### The Bank for Savings

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

299 Fourth Avenue, Dec. 8, 1920

203d Semi-Annual Dividend

The Board of Trustees has declared an interest dividend for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1920, at the rate of

Four Per Cent.

per annum on all sums of \$5,000 and upward entitled thereto, and not exceeding \$5,000, payable on and after Jan. 1st, 1921.

**THE DIVIDEND will be credited to**

Depositors as of principal Jan. 1st, 1921.

**DEPOSITS made or on before Jan.**

1st, 1921, will draw interest from

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### Wheat Turns Up On Export Buying; Shorts Take Cover

Net Gains at the Close Run From 5 1/2 to 6 Cents; Cash Premiums Strong; Counter Offers Slightly Larger

Active export buying of wheat and pronounced strength in the cash position caused a sharp upturn in the market during yesterday's session and prices closed with net gains for the day of 5 to 6 cents.

Total export operations were esti-

mated at about 2,500,000 bushels, with sales to the French, Chicago, Boston, and to Belgium and Germany. The day's business brought the total for the past two days up to between 3,000,000 and 3,500,000 bushels, and while country offers were said to be a trifle larger, the demand readily absorbed all the wheat available and cash premiums were strong.

Shorts were good buyers and while there was heavy buying, it was by those who continued to take cover in view of the economic and financial situation, the buying was more aggressive than the selling.

The government report on the new winter wheat crop showed an acreage of 40,605,000, with a condition of 87.9 on which it was estimated that the crop promise is for 550,000,000 bushels, compared with last year's crop of 580,000,000. In the local cash market No. 1 and No. 2 hard were quoted at 64c and 61c. New York.

The range of prices follows:

Open High Low Close  
Dec. 15.10 15.14 15.05 15.04  
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### Smaller Acreages for Winter Wheat This Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Smaller acreages have been planted to winter wheat and rye this fall, as compared with a year ago, the Department of Agriculture reported to-day. The condition of the crop, however, I was better than on that date a year ago, and was not as good as the ten-year average condition on that date.

The department did not forecast pro-

jection. This year's crop of winter wheat amounted to 580,513,000 bushels, and this fall's acreage reduction would amount to almost 18,500,000 bushels in the production, based on the ten-year average yield.

Kansas, the leading producer of winter wheat, has planted 2 per cent less area than last year; Pennsylvania, 1 per cent; Ohio, 9 per cent; Indiana, 16 per cent; Illinois, 5 per cent, and Nebraska, 2 per cent.

Oklahoma has planted about the same acreage this year, while Texas increased its acreage 40 per cent and Washington 7 per cent.

**Corn Market Strong On Active Covering**

The corn market was strong and active throughout the day, closing with gains of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c. Shorts were the principal buyers, although there was heavy buying credited to leading cash houses in the West. In the local cash market No. 2 yellow was quoted at 65 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 65c; and No. 1 New York ten days' shipment, 64c.

Yesterday's Previous Year  
Year-to-date, 65 1/2c 65 1/2c 65 1/2c  
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Gains—The corn market was active at the close of the day, with gains of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c. Cash interests in the West had good buyers and the cash position downed to 100,000 bushels, while the local cash market No. 1 white was quoted at 62c. No. 3 white, 61c; No. 2 mixed, 60c; and No. 1 yellow, 59c.

### W. F. Ladd & Co.

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